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H.R. No. 2778

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Respected longtime rancher King Terry, Jr., of  
2 Alpine, passed away on May 20, 2011, at the age of 86; and

3 WHEREAS, King Terry, Jr., was born in Alpine on May 30, 1924,  
4 to King and Lady Terry; after graduating from Alpine High School, he  
5 attended Texas A&M University and earned his degree from Rutgers  
6 University; and

7 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Terry answered his nation's  
8 call to duty, serving with the U.S. Army's 104th Division as a  
9 rifleman in the European theater; he earned the Purple Heart, the  
10 Bronze Star, and an expert rifleman medal, and in later life, he  
11 received the World War II Veteran Honor and Remembrance Medallion  
12 from the Non Commissioned Officers Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Terry returned  
14 to West Texas to raise Hereford cattle, Rambouillet sheep, and  
15 Angora goats at ranches in Sterling, Schleicher, and Brewster  
16 Counties; and

17 WHEREAS, An active member of the West Texas ranching  
18 community, Mr. Terry served as director and honorary director of  
19 the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, chair of the  
20 Agricultural Stabilization Commission for Terrell and Brewster  
21 Counties, and honorary director of the Highland Hereford  
22 Association; he was also an honorary lifetime member of Texas  
23 CattleWomen; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry married the former Becky Bird in 1949, and

1 together they shared much laughter and love, persevering through  
2 the lean times, as well as enjoying years of abundance; and

3 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known King Terry will  
4 forever remember his unique gift for storytelling and the way in  
5 which he took on the challenges of a hard but rewarding life with a  
6 light in his eye, a wicked wit, and a sense of right and wrong as  
7 unshakeable as the West Texas mountains; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of King Terry, Jr., and  
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife  
11 of 62 years, Becky Terry; to his sister, Lady Terry Hawkins; to his  
12 nieces, Lady Chachi Hawkins and Terry Hawkins; to his nephew,  
13 Thomas Bunton Hawkins; to his great-nieces, Lora Kirkland and  
14 Natalie Klepper; to his great-nephew, T. C. Hawkins; to his four  
15 great-great-nieces; to his dear friends, Jim and Lisa Pollard; and  
16 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of King Terry,  
20 Jr.